

AECB establishes Passivhaus Trust

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Passivhaus Trust for the UK

The AECB's initiative to promote low carbon building, Passivhaus Buildings, will now operate under the name of the Passivhaus Trust. The Trust is a not-for-profit company absorbing the Passivhaus Buildings Trust and Association.

The Passivhaus Trust's key aim is to promote the reduction of energy use and carbon emissions from new and refurbished buildings. It intends to achieve this by encouraging the development and widespread adoption of proven methodologies to deliver buildings with low levels of energy use and carbon emissions.

The AECB confirms the recent departure of Liz Reason, John Walker and Daniel Nabarro from the AECB's Passivhaus Buildings initiative. Liz has left her position as MD of Passivhaus Buildings in order to work with John and Daniel on their own joint projects. We would like to thank Liz for her contributions during her time at the AECB.

Three new Directors have been appointed to the Passivhaus Trust: Neil May, Nick Grant and Peter Wilkinson will join Chris Herring on the Board. The AECB is firmly committed to ensuring that the Passivhaus Trust is successful and operates transparently in the public interest. Through working collaboratively with a range of partners, the AECB is committed to creating, in the Trust, a robust and non commercial platform to help the UK make a successful transition to low energy, low carbon building.

If you wish to become a partner or supporter of the Passivhaus Trust, please register your interest with Sally Hall at the AECB.

Passivhaus Trust – Background Notes

1. Status Limited company, subsidiary of AECB, operationally independent, not for profit.
2. Function
 - * Providing leadership for low energy/low carbon buildings in the UK through promoting understanding of the Passivhaus Standard and methodology.
 - * Promoting and facilitating quality assurance regarding Passivhaus standards of building construction and performance.
 - * Co-ordinating monitoring and feedback related to Passivhaus low energy standards and methodologies.
 - * Promotion and dissemination of best practice in low energy, low carbon building.

AECB – Background Notes

The AECB is an independent not-for-profit networking organisation, open to all within the construction industry committed to developing and furthering best practice in sustainable building. The AECB membership structure is unusual within the industry in that it ranges from design professionals, tradespeople, academics and manufacturers to housing associations and local authorities. The AECB is characterised by and encourages an approach encompassing open sharing and development of best practice, and the passion to move the industry forward. The AECB has been promoting excellence in sustainable design and construction for over 20 years. Its Energy and Water

Standards, well informed by UK and international experience, are founded on a detailed and realistic understanding of the performance of buildings.

The AECB contains within its core staff and membership a wealth of detailed knowledge and valuable firsthand experience of sustainable low energy buildings and the built environment.

The AECB Carbon Literate Design and Construction Programme (CarbonLite), the annual AECB conference, the local AECB group network and the popular discussion forum are all invaluable resources for AECB members, the design and construction industry and the general public. [AECB CarbonLite was financially supported by the AECB and its members, The Carbon Trust, The Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, and recently by Intelligent Energy Europe via the PASS-NET project, of which the AECB is the UK partner.]

AECB

Status Independent, not for profit

Function Networking, debating, research, informing public policy

Structure Democratic membership organisation

Membership base

- * wide membership base across the industry
- * spread of sole practitioners, SMEs and larger companies

Distinguishing activities

- * passionate advocacy of a sustainable built environment
- * open sharing and mutual development of best practice

Key resources

- * Loyal membership base
- * Repository of knowledge and experience on sustainable and low energy buildings
- * Rigorous independent standards – water and energy
- * Owners of the IPR and/or hosts of agreed elements of the CarbonLite programme

External influence

- * Recognized as an important independent and impartial voice by Government

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